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Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) supports the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency's Flood Protection Corridor Program application for improvements to the Dry Creek Watershed. In particular, inclusion of a Red sesbania (*Sesbania punicea*) eradication component that will focus as follows:

- (1) Red sesbania (*Sesbania punicea*) mapping in the Dry Creek Watershed in Placer and Sacramento Counties.
- (2) Eradication planning.
- (3) Eradication of the population over a three year period.
- (4) Long term monitoring and population control utilizing the California Conservation Corps.

The eradication of Red sesbania on Dry Creek will also help ensure the on going eradication of Red sesbania in the American River Parkway. This project would serve as a focal point for cross-county working partnerships, as waterways and weeds do not recognize county boundaries.

Throughout riparian areas in Sacramento and Placer Counties, Red sesbania has become an aggressive and dominant species, establishing along the banks of the river and on in-stream islands, displacing native riparian vegetation, limiting shoreline access, and affecting river flow patterns. Because it was relatively recently introduced in the region, a rapid, comprehensive, and aggressive program of control could result in permanent eradication of this species in these areas. The eradication component will address all concerns in regards to the DFG laws and regulations. The DFG supports this grant application and recommends that it receive funding from the Proposition 13

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(2000 Water Bond).

If the DFG can be of further assistance please contact Mr. Daniel Burmester, Associate Biologist, at (916) 358-2874 or Ms. Terry Roscoe, Habitat Conservation Supervisor, at (916) 358-2382.

Sincerely,

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